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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 27 RECEIVED FROM DR. IZRAEL FOR RUSSELL TRAIN, ALONG WITH REPLY EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT TO ISRAEL FROM TRAIN.

2. DEAR RUSSELL: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER AND THE WONDERFUL PHOTOGRAPHS. I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS AGAIN SINCERE APPRECIATION TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION OF OUR VISIT AND HOSPITALITY. ACADEMISTIAN FEDOROV AND I HAVE REVIEWED THE QUESTION OF DATES FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF OUR JOINT COMMITTEE AND, CONSIDERING YOUR REMARKS, CONCLUDED THAT NOVEMBER 13-16 WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR BOTH SIDES.

3. A FEW WORDS ABOUT YOUR QUESTION AS TO THE SELENGA (CELLULOSE) FACTORY. AS THE MINISTRY OF THE CELLULOSE-PAPER INDUSTRY HAS COMMUNICATED, THE SELENGA CELLULOSE-PACKAGING COMBINE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PACKAGING CARTONS IS NOW IN THE TESTING PERIOD. THE EFFLUENT CLEANSING PROCESS OF THE COMBINE INCLUDES BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND MECHANICAL STEPS OF CLEANSING AND AERATION. THIS EQUIPMENT IS ANALOGOUS IN QUALITY TO THE CLEANUP EQUIPMENT AT THE BAIKALSK CELLULOSE PLANT. MOREOVER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC CHARACTER OF THE END PRODUCT (CARTONS FOR PACKAGING), THE COMBINE'S OUTFLOW OF POLLUTANTS INTO THE SELENGA RIVER

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WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE BAIKALSK FACTORY. THE OUTFLOW OF EFFLUENT DRAINAGE INTO THE SELENGA RIVER WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED VIA DEEP AND DISPERSED OUTLETS. UNDOUBTEDLY ALL OF THIS WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PROTECTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. SINCERELY, Y.A. IZRAEL.

4. REPLY TO IZRAEL FROM RUSSELL E. TRAIN, ADMINISTRATOR, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY: DEAR YURI: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 27, INCLUDING THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SELENGA COMBINE. WE STILL RECALL OUR OWN VISIT TO LAKE BAIKAL WITH GREAT PLEASURE.

5. I WAS GLAD TO GET YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THE DATES NOVEMBER 13-16 FOR OUR SECOND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. ALTHOUGH TAKING UP THE DUTIES OF EPA ADMINISTRATOR WILL KEEP ME SUFFICIENTLY BUSY, AS MY FIRST FEW DAYS IN OFFICE HAVE ALREADY SHOWN, I RETAIN GREAT INTEREST IN OUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO OUR MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

6. JACK PERRY WILL BE IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON SPECIFIC PLANS FOR THE MEETING, BUT I WISH TO RAISE TWO QUESTIONS NOW. FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS AS TO THE REPORT THE JOINT COMMITTEE SHOULD ISSUE ON THE FIRST YEAR'S WORK: EXACTLY WHAT FORMAT DO YOU ENVISAGE FOR THIS REPORT? WE ARE ASKING OUR PROJECT CHAIRMAN TO START PREPARING THEIR REPORTS, AND WANT TO KNOW IF YOU PREFER SEPARATE REPORTS BY THE SOVIET AND US CHAIRMEN, OR IF YOU WISH TO EDIT THE REPORTS AHEAD OF TIME IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A JOINT PRODUCT TO BE ISSUED AT OR AFTER THE MEETING. SECOND, WE ARE STARTING TO PLAN THE POST-MEETING TRIP FOR ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF HE HAS ANY SPECIFIC REQUESTS ABOUT PLACES OR TYPES OF INSTALLATIONS HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT. IF YOU COULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THESE TWO POINTS THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, IT WOULD HELP US WITH OUR PLANNING. SINCERELY, TRAIN. RUSH

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